

Amendments to the Claims

1. **(Currently Amended)** A brake cooling mechanism ~~of~~ for a four-wheeled vehicle in which a rotation member of a drive power transmission system for rear wheels is provided with a brake device of the four-wheeled vehicle, the brake cooling mechanism comprising:

a belt cover having an air discharging hole, ~~in which the belt cover covers~~
for covering an automatic V-belt transmission; and

an air discharging duct connected to the belt cover ~~in a state in which such~~
that the air discharging duct ~~is communicated~~ communicates with the air discharging hole, ~~and the air discharging duct~~ having an outlet part for discharging air,

wherein the air discharging duct extends up to a vicinity of the brake device so as to discharge air from the outlet part toward the brake device.

2. **(Original)** The brake cooling mechanism as claimed in claim 1, wherein the air discharging duct has a rising part which is higher than the outlet part of the air discharging duct.

3. **(Original)** The brake cooling mechanism as claimed in claim 1, wherein the brake device is a wet multiple-disk braking device.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The brake cooling mechanism as claimed in claim 1,
_____ wherein the drive power transmission system for rear wheels has a final reduction gear for the rear wheels,

wherein the brake device is a wet multiple-disk braking device which is mounted in front of the final reduction gear,

wherein the wet multiple-disk braking device and the final reduction gear are housed inside a single casing, and

wherein the single casing has an oil sump under the wet multiple-disk braking device.

5. **(Currently Amended)** A brake cooling mechanism of a four-wheeled vehicle, the brake cooling mechanism comprising:

a casing for housing a final reduction gear for rear wheels and a wet multiple-disk braking device, ~~of the vehicle,~~ which is mounted in front of the final reduction gear in a direction of forward movement of the four-wheeled vehicle; and

an oil sump which is provided in the casing under the wet multiple-disk braking device,

wherein a part of the casing for housing the wet multiple-disk braking device has a front surface that is tilted with respect to a direction of width of the four-wheeled vehicle.

6. **(Cancelled)**